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**Regarding Senate Bill 994**

. My name is Timothy C. Anglund. I live in Glastonbury. I retired as an executive of Fleet Investment Advisors , in 2000.

I took up trapping in the early 1980s when I was a resident of Wilton. My young daughter and I had planted a vegetable garden and, the night before the corn was ready to pick, raccoons attacked. The next morning, as we looked out the window at our garden, we cried. The garden looked like it had been hit by a hurricane. There was nothing to pick..

For the past several years, I have been a volunteer in the DEP nuisance beaver program. I seriously urge the Committee to reject SB994 because beaver are doing major damage in Connecticut and they need to be controlled.. Here are some of the problems caused by beaver that I have personally helped resolve:

- A flooded septic tank—caused by a small brook that had been dammed by beavers. This presented a potential public health hazard.
- Beavers cut down trees that knocked down a neighbor's fence. The fence had been erected to provide a safe environment for a child and dog. There was a serious threat of additional trees coming down .
- A flooded cornfield -- the consequence of a beaver dam. The water could have destroyed a portion of the farmer's crop.
- A blocked service and fire road around a senior citizen residence. This was caused beavers cutting down trees. One very large tree fell against the building and broke a window of a residence.
- A beaver-damaged park. An organization trying to create a park invested a lot of time and money in planting trees only to have them cut down by beavers.
- Flooded roads and blocked culverts – caused by beaver.

These candidtions cost towns, organizations and individuals alot of time and money in terms of the people and equipment needed to repeatedly deal with obstructions. We need all of the tools available to address these problems.